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Dear Dra. Delciellos

I would to like to submit a manuscript entitled " A review of cases of geophagy in corvids (Aves: Corvidae) and a new report of geophagy in Azure Jay (Cyanocorax caeruleus)" to be consider for publication as a Short Communication in the journal Oecologia Australis.

In the present manuscript I review reports of geophagy in the family Corvidae and also report a new observation of geophagy in the neotropical corvid Azure Jay (*Cyanocorax caeruleus*). For the Corvidae family there is a scarcity of information about geophagy, particularly in species from the neotropical region. In the occasion, an adult individual was observed removing pieces of dry clay from a nest of Rufous Hornero (*Furnarius rufus*). I also discuss about possible explanations for this uncommon behaviour.

Through this letter I also would like to inform that the manuscript has not been published elsewhere and it is being submitted exclusively to Oecologia Australis.

As requested in the authors guidelines of the journal, I suggest the following referees:

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I'm looking forward to hearing from you, and please contact me if you need further information

Best wishes

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